[0103] The test compounds were administered at 0.1 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 9 days.

[0104] The control animals received the vehicle (0.25% carboxymethylcellulose, dose 10 ml/kg) through oral gavage.

[0105] The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 9 day of treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for triglyceride, glucose, free fatty acid, total cholesterol and insulin estimations. Measurement of plasma triglyceride, glucose, total cholesterol were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Diagnostic Division, India). The plasma free fatty acid was measured using a commercial kit from Boehringer Mannheim, Germany. The plasma insulin was measured using a RIA kit (BARC, India). The reduction of various parameters examined are calculated according to the formula given below.

[0106] In ob/ob mice oral glucose tolerance test was performed after 9 days treatment. Mice were fasted for 5 hrs and challenged with 3 gm/kg of glucose orally. The blood samples were collected at 0, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min for estimation of plasma glucose levels.

[0107] The experimental results from the db/db mice, ob/ob mice, Zucker fa/fa rats suggest that the novel compounds of the present invention also possess therapeutic utility as a prophylactic or regular treatment for diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disorders such as hypertension, hyperlipidaemia and other diseases; as it is known from the literature that such diseases are interrelated to each other.

[0108] Blood glucose level and triglycerides are also lowered at doses greater than 10 mg/kg. Normally, the quantum of reduction is dose dependent and plateaus at certain dose.

[0109] **b) <u>Plasma triglyceride and Cholesterol lowering activity in hypercholesterolemic rat models</u>**

[0110] Male Sprague Dawley rats (NIN stock) were bred in DRF animal house. Animals were maintained under 12 hour light and dark cycle at 25 ± 1°C. Rats of 180 - 200 gram body weight range were used for the experiment. Animals were made

hypercholesterolemic by feeding 2% cholesterol and 1% sodium cholate mixed with standard laboratory chow [National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, India] for 6 days. Throughout the experimental period the animals were maintained on the same diet (Petit, D., Bonnefis, M. T., Rey, C and Infante, R. Effects of ciprofibrate on liver lipids and lipoprotein synthesis in normal and hyperlipidemic rats. Atherosclerosis. 1988. 74 : 215 – 225).

[0111] The test compounds were administered orally at a dose 0.1 to 30 mg/kg/day for 3 days. Control group was treated with vehicle alone (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 10 ml/kg).

[0112] The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 3 day of compound treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for total cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride estimations. Measurement of plasma triglyceride, total cholesterol and HDL were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Diagnostic Division, India). LDL and VLDL cholesterol were calculated from the data obtained for total cholesterol, HDL and triglyceride. The reduction of various parameters examined are calculated according to the formula.

[0113] **c) <u>Plasma triglyceride and total cholesterol lowering activity in Swiss albino mice and Guinea pigs</u>**

[0114] Male Swiss albino mice (SAM) and male Guinea pigs were obtained from NIN and housed in DRF animal house. All these animals were maintained under 12 hour light and dark cycle at 25 ± 1°C. Animals were given standard laboratory chow (NIN, Hyderabad, India) and water, *ad libitum*. SAM of 20 - 25 g body weight range and Guinea pigs of 500 - 700 g body weight range were used (Oliver, P., Plancke, M. O., Marzin, D., Clavey, V., Sauzieres, J and Fruchart, J. C. Effects of fenofibrate, gemfibrozil and nicotinic acid on plasma lipoprotein levels in normal and hyperlipidemic mice. Atherosclerosis. 1988. 70 : 107 – 114).

[0115] The test compounds were administered orally to Swiss albino mice at 0.3 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 6 days. Control mice were treated with vehicle (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 10 ml/kg). The test compounds were administered orally

to Guinea pigs at 0.3 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 6 days. Control animals were treated with vehicle (0.25% Carboxymethylcellulose; dose 5 ml/kg).

[0116] The blood samples were collected in fed state 1 hour after drug administration on 0 and 6 day of treatment. The blood was collected from the retro-orbital sinus through heparinised capillary in EDTA containing tubes. After centrifugation, plasma sample was separated for triglyceride and total cholesterol (Wieland, O. Methods of Enzymatic analysis. Bergermeyer, H. O., Ed., 1963. 211 - 214; Trinder, P. Ann. Clin. Biochem. 1969. 6 : 24 – 27). Measurement of plasma triglyceride, total cholesterol and HDL were done using commercial kits (Dr. Reddy's Diagnostic Division, Hyderabad, India).

Compound	Dose (mg / kg)	Triglyceride Lowering (%)
1	3	66
2	3	55
4	3	55
5	3	46

[0117] **c) <u>Body weight reducing effect in cholesterol fed hamsters</u>**

[0118] Male Syrian Hamsters were procured from NIN, Hyderabad, India. Animals were housed at DRF animal house under 12 hour light and dark cycle at 25 ± 1°C with free access to food and water. Animals were maintained with 1% cholesterol containing standard laboratory chow (NIN) from the day of treatment.

[0119] The test compounds were administered orally at 1 to 30 mg/kg/day dose for 15 days. Control group animals were treated with vehicle (Mill Q water, dose 10 ml/kg/day). Body weights were measured on every 3rd day.

[0120] **Formulae for calculation**

[0121] 1. Percent reduction in Blood sugar/triglycerides/total cholesterol were calculated according to the formula:

$$\text{Percent reduction (\%)} = \left[1 - \frac{TT / OT}{TC / OC}\right] \times 100$$

OC = Zero day control group value

OT = Zero day treated group value

TC = Test day control group value